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What is grace through Christian's point of view? **Where in the Bible does God demonstrate grace?**
The world today seems to take the Lord's love and favour for granted, let's see what the Christian belief would have to say about His grace.

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What is grace? In the Christian theology, grace is said to be "The love and mercy given to us by God because God desires us to have it, not because of anything we have done to earn it". Grace to Christians is known to be a natural gift from God. When Christians say that, "the love and mercy given to us by God because God desires us to have it". This means that everything God offers us, He wants us to keep it. He wants us to know that through His grace towards us shown through His love and mercy, He wants His people to know He's there for us and to call out to Him, which is the same as having favour upon ourselves to calling unto Him for His mercy and love.

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"Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace". God gave Adam and Eve freedom within the Garden of Eden; they could eat off any tree in the garden, except one particular tree. This was the Tree of Life, the tree that determined both good and evil. **God's grace is shown when He still cared and loved Adam and Eve although they disobeyed Him and His commands. In the Bible, the story of Adam and Eve is where God first demonstrates His grace.** Although they did not show any grace towards God and got thrown out of the Garden of Eden, God still looked after them. He not only clothed them, He also fed them and they were being well looked after.

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Genesis 6:8 "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord". This is the first time the word 'grace' or 'favour' is being shown in the Bible or when God introduces the word grace. In Genesis 4 God demonstrates grace. He shows a way of dealing with anger and jealousy. **God demonstrates grace towards Cain, when he killed his innocent brother Abel.** He dealt with Cain's punishment through His own way. Usually, now a day's people would kill another if they committed murder like Cain had done.

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In the New Testament it talks about the grace that Jesus showed through when he would always perform miracles and have mercy on those who are in need. God showed grace by performing many miracles and also by healing those who are sick and crippled because that was the will of the Lord. The theme of grace or the way God demonstrates grace in the Bible, is a lesson for us to learn from. He still loves and cares for them; better yet, he still shows favour and grace in his actions towards His people.

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The meaning of grace, I strongly believe that the way God demonstrates grace towards us sinners is a blessing. The way that we treat God is unreasonable compared to the way he treats us. God shows grace and love towards us, although we do not deserve it. He does it out of love and His own heart.

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